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TO : Assistant Directors of Central Intelligence      DATE: 14 March 1951  
Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
FROM : Director of Training  
SUBJECT: Social Science Research Council Proposal for Training  
Area Specialists

Reference: a. A project for Training Area Specialists prepared by the Social Science  
Research Council attached hereto marked Incl. #1.  
b. Recommended CIA action on subject proposal, prepared by Office of  
Training.

1. Reference a has been under consideration by the Bureau of the Budget and the Department of State since mid-January 1951. The Department of State has recommended to the Bureau of the Budget that the project be approved in principle for consideration by other Governmental agencies concerned. It has further advised the Bureau of the Budget of its recommendations for modification of the plan, the details of which are not known to this Office.

2. The Bureau of the Budget has set up the first of a series of meetings on 19 March 1951 at which the Agency will be represented by the Director of Training, to determine the advisability and feasibility of undertaking this project.

3. Reference b has been prepared by the Office of Training. It is circulated for the purpose of arriving at a CIA position regarding subject proposals. Particular attention is invited to paragraphs 9 and 10 of Reference b.

4. It is requested that you review the references and be prepared to make recommendations at the next Assistant Directors' meeting to be held on 19 March 1951 at 1100 hours.

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